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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric
The Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Request for Additional U-2 Aircraft

1. I have recently completed an extensive review of the Central Intelligence Agency's present capability, utilizing U-2 aircraft, to respond in a timely manner in support of National Intelligence collection requirements on a world-wide basis. As a result, I have concluded that this capability has now deteriorated to a level that must be considered inadequate in the face of current and anticipated future requirements for covert reconnaissance by this Agency.

2. My conclusion has been reached after taking into account the transfer and assignment of two USAF-possessed U-2 aircraft to CIA in June of 1963 in response to your direction, and the total offset of this transfer in November 1963, [redacted]

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3. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would make the necessary arrangement for the early transfer of a U-2 aircraft from USAF to the

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CIA with the suggested proviso that the possible need for a second such transfer be examined again in early April 1964, barring some unforeseen adverse development before that time.

(Signed) John A. McCone

John A. McCone
Director

CONCUR:

Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

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